

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A digital camera for capturing images, comprising:

a built-in, non-volatile memory for storing a plurality of images in the form of image data, said built-in, non-volatile memory being provided in a camera body;

a detachable memory card for storing image data, said detachable memory card having a larger storage capacity than said built-in, non-volatile memory;

an insertion slot for receiving said detachable memory card;

detecting means for detecting insertion of said detachable memory card into said insertion slot; and

memory control means for, upon said detecting means detecting said insertion of the detachable memory card, directly and automatically transferring the image data from said built-in, non-volatile memory to said detachable memory card ~~upon said detecting means detecting said insertion.~~

7. (Previously presented) The digital camera of claim 6, wherein said built-in, non-volatile memory is initialized to allow for new image capturing upon said memory control means automatically transferring said image data.

8. (Previously Presented) The digital camera as defined in claim 6, wherein said camera body, in an insertional direction of said detachable memory card, is shorter than said detachable memory card in the insertional direction of said detachable memory card.

9. (Previously Presented) The digital camera of claim 6, wherein said detachable memory card is mainly for attachment when the digital camera is not being used to capture

images and is normally detached when the digital camera is being used to capture images, and the digital camera is usable to capture images when the detachable memory card is detached from and inserted into the insertion slot.

10. (Previously Presented) The digital camera of claim 6, wherein when said detachable memory card is inserted into the insertion slot, said detachable memory card is partially exposed so that a user can grasp said detachable memory card by the exposed part to remove said detachable memory card from said camera body.

11. (Previously Presented) The digital camera as defined in claim 6, wherein when said detachable memory card is inserted into the insertion slot, more than 1/3 of said detachable memory card is exposed in an insertional direction of said detachable memory card.

12. (Previously Presented) The digital camera of claim 6, wherein when said detachable memory card is inserted in said insertion slot, more than 1/3 of said detachable memory card externally extends from said digital camera.

13. (Previously Presented) The digital camera of claim 6, wherein said detachable memory card is mainly for attachment when the digital camera is not being used to capture images and is normally detached when the digital camera is being used to capture images.

14. (Currently Amended) A digital camera for capturing images, comprising:

a built-in, non-volatile memory for storing a plurality of images in the form of image data, said built-in, non-volatile memory being provided in a camera body;

a detachable memory card for storing image data, said detachable memory card having a larger storage capacity than said built-in, non-volatile memory, wherein the digital camera is useable to capture the plurality of images when the detachable memory card is detached from the camera;

an insertion slot for receiving said detachable memory card;

a detector for detecting insertion of said detachable memory card into said insertion slot;
and

a memory controller for, upon said detector detecting said insertion of said detachable memory card, directly and automatically transferring the image data from said built-in, non-volatile memory to said detachable memory card ~~upon said detector detecting said insertion.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A digital camera for capturing images, comprising:

a built-in, non-volatile memory for storing a plurality of processed images in the form of image data, said built-in, non-volatile memory being provided in a camera body;

a detachable memory card for storing image data, said detachable memory card having a larger storage capacity than said built-in, non-volatile memory, wherein the digital camera is useable to capture the plurality of images when the detachable memory card is detached from the camera;

an insertion slot for receiving said detachable memory card;

a detector for detecting insertion of said detachable memory card into said insertion slot;
and

a memory controller for, upon said detector detecting said insertion, directly and automatically transferring the image data from said built-in, non-volatile memory to said detachable memory card ~~upon said detector detecting said insertion.~~

16. (New) The digital camera of claim 1, wherein upon detection of insertion of the detachable memory card, the data is automatically transferred from the built-in, non-volatile memory to the detachable memory card without any interaction by a user.